



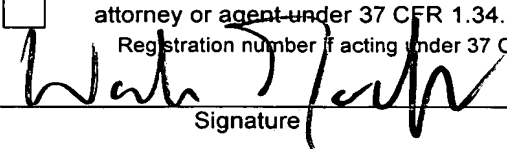
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Application Number 10/014,991-Conf. #4207		Filed December 11, 2001	
For MEDICAL SUTURE INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE			
Art Unit 3734		Examiner V. Q. Bui	
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